



**Department of Planning and Budget**  
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**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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DSS estimates that there are approximately 1,280 unlicensed care homes in the Commonwealth. DSS further reports that current licensing staff are at capacity and cannot accommodate an increased workload related to processing registrations.

To comply with the requirements of the substitute legislation, DSS anticipates that they will need one new Licensing Inspector position whose responsibilities will include (i) receiving registration information from unlicensed care home operators; (ii) storing such information in a place accessible by agency staff, as necessary; and (iii) providing consultation or advice to unlicensed care homes upon request. The cost for this position is estimated at \$83,585 general fund (GF) in FY 2027 and \$104,562 GF in FY 2028 and thereafter. The cost estimate for this position includes salary, benefits, and onboarding costs; the first year cost is adjusted for three quarters of the fiscal year to account for potential hiring delays. The bill does not require that DSS validate information provided by unlicensed care home operators; should additional quality assurance or data maintenance responsibilities be necessary, there will be additional costs to DSS.

Additionally, DSS expects that the agency will incur minor costs to train state agency partners whose responsibilities involve interaction with long-term care providers regarding the new registration process for unlicensed care homes; it is expected that these costs can be absorbed within existing appropriation.

**Other:** n/a